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SUBJ: OECD SCIENCE MINISTERIAL MEETING - US PROPOSAL FOR OECD
FOOD INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 133814

1. US PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REFTEL DELIVERED TO MSST PER
INSTRUCTIONS PARA 1.

2. UNDER NEW MINISTER, DRURY, MSST HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVELY
DISENGAGING ITSELF FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY RELEGATING, PARTICULARLY THE OPERATIONAL
ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TO EXTAFF
AND RESPECTIVE PROGRAM AGENCIES WITHIN GOC. WE EXPECT THAT
MSST WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A REASONABLY ACTIVE ROLE IN
ORGANIZATIONS LIKE OECD BUT WITH INCREASED BACKSTOPPING
FROM OTHER GOC AGENCIES. AT SUGGESTION MSST STAFF WE HAVE
ALSO MADE PROPOSAL AVAILABLE TO AGRICULTURE CANADA AND
EXTAFF OFFICERS WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH OECD AND THE FOOD
PROBLEM.

3. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT CANADA'S REACTION AT THE
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MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE ANYTHING BUT POSITIVE

IN PRINCIPLE. DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION IN FOLLOW-ON, IF PROPOSAL ACCEPTED, MAY BE LOW
KEY FOR SOME TIME. THE NORMALLY RESPONSIBLE ASST DEPUTY MINISTER
AT AGRICULTURE CANADA, JIM WOODWARD, RETIRED SOME MONTHS AGO,
AND HIS REPLACEMENT HAS NOT BEEN NAMED, NOR IS THERE ANY
INDICATION HOW SOON HE WILL BE NAMED. AS A RESULT,
SIMILAR ITEMS WHICH REQUIRED AGRICULTURE PARTICIPATION
ARE IN SOMETHING OF A STATE OF LIMBO, E.G., LACIE.
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